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## **LEE'S SUMMIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lee's Summit, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to credit card fraud.

**Godwin Emeka Iloka**, 36, of Lee's Summit, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to a federal information that charges him with unauthorized use of credit cards.

By pleading guilty, **Iloka** admitted that he engaged in a scheme to use fictitious names and Social Security numbers of other persons to obtain credit cards from April 26 to Oct. 21, 2000. **Iloka** also arranged for post office boxes to be opened in other persons names to receive these credit cards, which were used to obtain money at various ATMs in Kansas City, Mo.

According to Graves, **Iloka** used at least three credit cards, resulting in a loss of more than \$30,000.

Under federal statutes, **Iloka** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service.

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